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Elba Police Officers make drug arrests ahead of Christmas

Two Elba men remained in the Coffee County Jail early this week following their arrests last Wednesday, Dec. 20, on distribution of illegal drug charges.

According to the Coffee County Jail roster, Nicholas Lane, age 27, of Elba was arrested by Elba Police and booked as an inmate in the county jail shortly after 7 a.m. last Wednesday. His charges included two counts of distribution of a controlled substance [\$30,000 bond each], possession of marijuana – first degree [\$7,500 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond]. Jail records further show that Lane has three bond revocation charges against him.

Less than two hours later, Savion Edwards, age 25, of Elba also was booked into the county jail following his arrest last Wednesday by Elba Police. His charges include distribution of marijuana [\$30,000 bond], pos-

session of marijuana – second degree [\$6,000 bond], certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm [\$7,500 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond]. Jail records further show that Edwards also faces a felony failure to appear charge.

Both remained in the county jail as of press time this week.

On Friday, Dec. 22, Elba Police arrested Thomas Hughes, age 33, of Elba, for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond for the controlled substance possession charge was set at \$15,000 while the bond for the misdemeanor drug paraphernalia charge was set at \$6,000.

Hughes was released from the county jail Christmas Day, Dec. 25, after posting bond.



N. Lane



S. Edwards



T. Hughes

Man formerly from Elba dies following Houston County automobile accident

A two-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, claimed the life of a Dothan man.

Milan W. Marler, age 93, of Dothan (formerly from Elba) was critically injured when the 2018 Toyota 4Runner, he was a passenger in, collided head-on with the 2000 GMC C1500 pickup driven by Harvey D. Burch Jr., age 65, of Gordon. Marler was transported to Southeast Health in Dothan, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The driver of the 4Runner, Rita M. Watford, age 68, of Dothan and Randy E. Watford, age 64, also of Dothan were both injured and transported to Southeast Health for medical treatment.

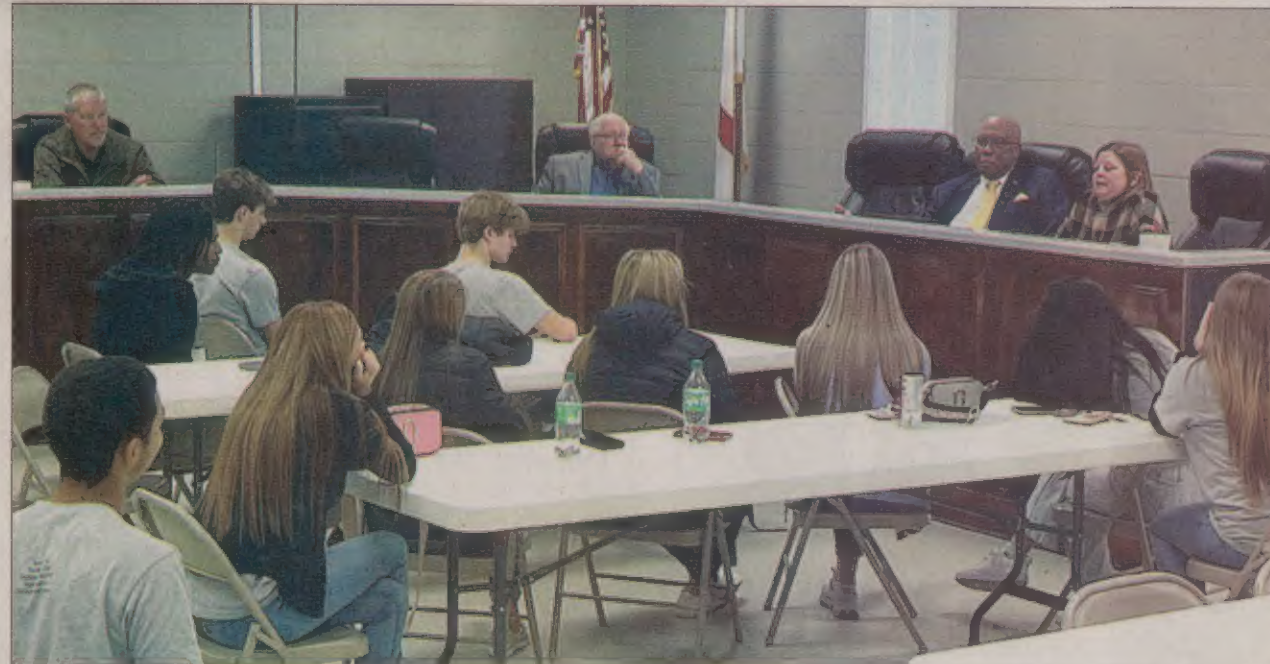
The crash occurred on Alabama 53 near the 15 mile marker, approximately one mile south of Dothan, in Houston County.

Burch was also injured and transported to Southeast Health. He later was charged with murder in the death of Milan Marler and booked into the Houston County Jail on a \$150,000 bond.

No further details have been released by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY...During the Re-Grand Opening celebration Wednesday, Dec. 13, for the Elba Branch of Troy Bank and Trust, two monetary donations were presented to local organizations. Jeff Kervin (right), president and CEO of Troy Bank and Trust presented \$500 checks each to the Elba High School Alumni Association and the Elba Food Bank. The checks were accepted by Linda Hodge (center), president of the Elba High School Alumni Association, and Tommy Grimes (left) representing the Elba Food Bank. Above, Grimes explains how the \$500 in money could be turned into over 2,000 pounds of food for those in need. The check for the alumni association will be used to help supplement the association's scholarship funds.



Coffee County Youth Leadership members meet with, from left, Coffee County Commissioner Jim Thompson, Commission Chairman Dean Smith, Commissioner Jimmy Jones and Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson during CCYL Government Day during their recent "government day" field trip.

CCYLP students meet with current county leaders

Story and Photos by Michelle Mann

"The only reason we exist is to serve the citizens," Coffee County Administrator Rod Morgan told Coffee County Youth Leadership team members during the group's "Government Day," held Wednesday.

"Public service is a calling and a responsibility," said Morgan, who serves as county administrator, chief operating officer and county attorney, as he welcomed the high school juniors from each of the high schools in Coffee County to the day-long event during which they had the opportunity to learn about those who serve the county.

The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program is an intensive eight-month leadership program that prepares high school students to take active leadership roles in their homes, schools, and communities, said CCYLP Coordinator Gavin Mauldin. "The program is designed to introduce the 25 students selected each year to see how leadership works in different industries, and on the city, county and state levels.

Mauldin said the school year-long experience helps the students build strong relationships with their peers and make connections with county leaders. "Hopefully, they get a better understanding of the community while also



Coffee County Youth Leadership members meet with Coffee County Engineer Michael Walters during the recent CCYL Government Day

developing their leadership skills," he said. "The mission of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program is to prepare high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential to home and develop that potential and, as a result, take active leadership roles in improving their homes, schools and communities."

Students attend one leadership session per month and are required to complete a community service project in order to graduate from the program which is comprised of students from each high school in Coffee County, to include Kinston, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Enterprise,

and Elba. Mauldin says the objective of the youth leadership class is also to introduce young people to a host of different careers and occupations.

Wednesday's Government Day included visits with Morgan; Coffee County officials remind voters that Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the March 5, 2024 Primary Elections.

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Any person may register to vote, provided they:

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County Commissioners Jim Thompson, Dean Smith and Jimmy Jones; Probate Judge Jodee Thompson; Coffee County Engineer Michael Walters; and Emergency Management Agency Director and Deputy Directors James Brown and Grant Lyons, respectively.

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Next Week:

The Elba Clipper will take a look back at the "headlines" from the Year 2023 in our annual Year in Review special [Thursday, Jan. 4th edition].

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Dec. 29, and Monday, Jan. 1.

Deadlines for the Jan. 4th paper will remain the same - all advertising and news due before noon on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024.

Area Happenings

Coffee County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. There will be no residential garbage pickup on this day for county residents. All county garbage pickup will shift one day to the right for the week (example Monday's normal pickup will be on Tuesday, Tuesdays normal pickup will be on Wednesday, and so on).

City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. The city's garbage truck will run its normal pickup schedule on this day.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Just a quick update - Mr. Ferrin continues to improve and reportedly is "behaving" while staying at daughter Michele's home during his medical recovery. Following a doctor's visit last Thursday afternoon, he even made a quick stop by The Elba Clipper office to check on things! Again, many thanks for all the prayers being sent up on his behalf - they are truly felt and appreciated.

We do hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the birth of our Savior while also spending precious time with family during your Christmas holiday. Now, our attention turns this week to closing out a very eventful 2023 while ringing in 2024! We hope you all have safe celebrations for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day...and, don't forget to eat those blackeyed peas for good luck!



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ADPH says "be safe" when using oven cleaners

During the holiday season, many household ovens get increased use, and the resulting spills from fatty meats and poultry, cheeses, syrupy pies and other food has led people to use oven cleaners to dissolve baked-on food and grease.

The Alabama Department of Public Health reminds the

public to follow all instructions and heed all product safety warnings to avoid contact with eyes, skin and nose and breathing fumes from oven cleaners. Most oven cleaners have high pH levels, making them caustic. When an oven cleaner is used and the cleaner has not been wiped off completely,

smoke results when it burns off.

Oven cleaners can cause burns or irritation of any exposed tissue—the mouth, skin, eyes or airway. If swallowed, oven cleaners can cause vomiting and burns to the lips, mouth, throat and the digestive tract.

Even though most symptoms are mild, a burn on the lips can cause swelling, redness and blistering in the mouth and throat. A chemical burn in the throat

can lead to swelling, which can block the windpipe and cause the person to drool. A burn in the skin can cause redness, peeling, blistering and swelling, and lead to deeper, more severe burns.

When inhaled, oven cleaners can irritate airways, causing symptoms ranging from coughing and chest pain to shortness of breath.

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Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, through Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center -

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Traffic accident reported at 2908 Lower Curtis Rd (9:06 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Taylor Mill Rd (5:44 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 W coming into Elba (8:57 p.m.).

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 87 (2:25 p.m.); Burglary reported at 331 Putnam St (10:00 p.m.).

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Suspicious person reported at 992 Hwy 203 Suite 1 (1:45 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1316 Neil Grantham Dr (9:12 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (8:20 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

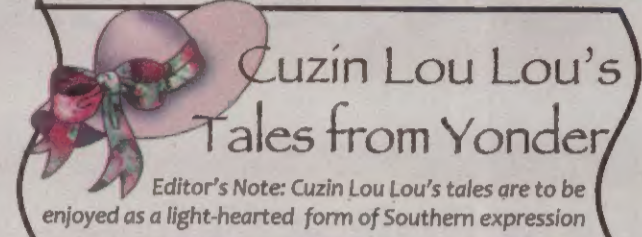
Friday, Dec. 22 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier St (12:21 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 2210 Taylor Mill Rd (4:15 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 343 Brunson Circle (8:30 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (11:39 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1584 Caroline St (2:02 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave near levee (2:03 p.m.);

Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (5:20 p.m.).

Saturday, Dec. 23 - Suspicious person reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 189 (9:22 a.m.); Burglary reported at 15045 Hwy 27 (11:33 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on County Rd 417 (1:23 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1015 Farris Ave (1:52 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Taylor Mill Rd (7:55 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 2695 Marilyn St (10:27 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Traffic accident reported on Taylor Mill Rd (3:30 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1007 Neil Grantham Dr (3:34 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (7:17 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1544 Edgewood Dr (10:03 p.m.).

Monday, Dec. 25 - Suspicious person reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (1:37 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (2:19 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 558 County Rd 401 (2:38 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1623 Parker St - w/arrest (3:50 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (6:57 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 911 Reese Ave (10:27 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 911 Reese Ave (11:16 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister took a quick trip last weekend prior to celebrating Christmas. They went to a college football bowl game!

One of the team's playing was Lou Lou's college alma mater, but unfortunately, the good guys did not bring home the win that day. Oh well...can't win them all. Nevertheless, Lou Lou and Sister had a blast on their little trip.

The two met up with several friends on Friday night to have a little fun at the Top Golf venue. This was a new adventure for Lou Lou and Sister.

Prior to arriving, Sister was a bit apprehensive because she had watched too many social media videos of folks messing up at Top Golf and falling into the safety nets. Well...after getting there and actually trying it out, Sister admitted that someone had to be "trying to fall" to end up in the nets. She also admitted to "having fun" at even though she didn't want to admit it because that would mean Lou Lou was right.

You see...Lou Lou had been trying to talk Sister into visiting Top Golf for quite some time now, and the answer was always no.

This time, Lou Lou worked it out where they would be meeting friends that were experienced patrons... the only way she could get Sister to agree to go.

Several swings into the game, and it was easy to see Sister was indeed having fun! When Lou Lou asked her about it...she hesitated for a moment, but then conceded that it was a lot more fun than she had imagined. Even better, she agreed to go again in the near future!

Sister's favorite part of the entire trip, however, probably came after Saturday's football game. She got to devour her beloved red velvet cheesecake at the Cheesecake Factory! Sister had been talking about that cheesecake for weeks, and she said it did not disappoint. Lou Lou even tried a "different" flavor of cheesecake from her norm for this trip, and it too was scrumptious!

One thing is for sure—the cheesecake at Cheesecake Factory never disappoints! Lou Lou and Sister can't brag too much though on how good the cheesecake was because Papa will get a "little salty" over it. While they were enjoying the cheesecake goodness, he was back home granddog sitting the little monster.

Truth be told, however, he was most likely just as happy getting Little Bean's full attention during the time Lou Lou and Sister were out of town as he would've been chowing down on a piece of tasty cheesecake...well...maybe.

We'll just go with that and not say too much more about it. Next time, Papa will just have to go too to be sure to get his own piece of cheesecake heaven.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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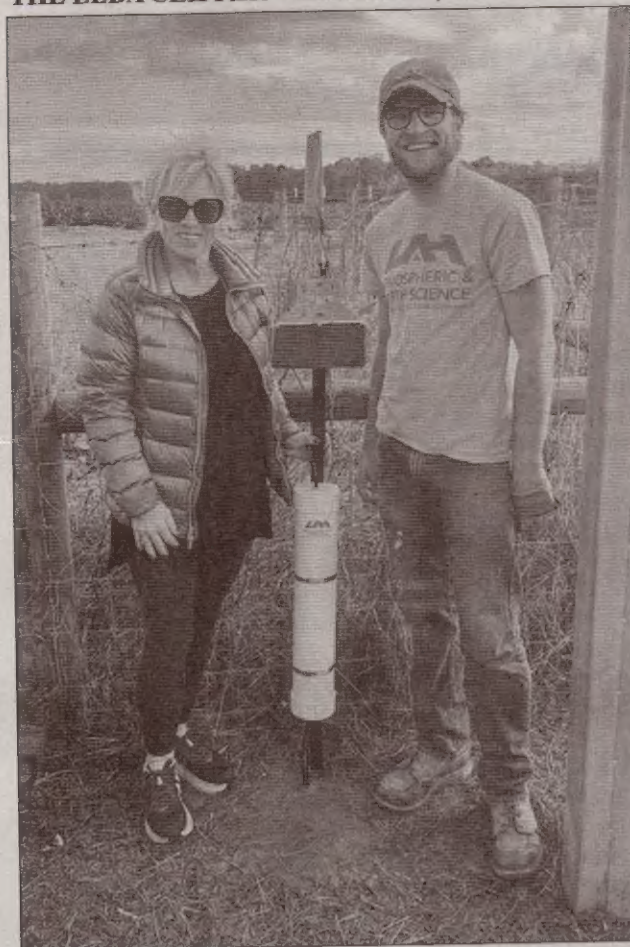
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VOLUNTEER



Shown in photo: Lisa Harris, CPYRWMA director, and Dr. Lee Ellenburg, UAH scientist

Four soil moisture and temperature sensors installed in Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed

UAH Earth System Science Center Research Scientist and Associate State Climatologist Dr. Lee Ellenburg, along with staff from the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) installed four soil moisture and temperature sensors within the CPYRWMA watershed.

The soil moisture sensors were developed by Ellenburg's team at UAH.

Funded by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research's Weather Program Office, Dr. Ellenburg is leading the effort to help build a large network of soil moisture sensors across the Southeast. Currently, there are only 18 soil moisture sites installed across Alabama's 52,000 square miles by the United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA), leaving large gaps of missing data.

Real-time data from the soil moisture sensors examine how soil moisture varies across the landscape of Alabama depending on weather events, soil type and vegetation and can measure moisture content from the surface to approximately two feet below ground.

According to Lisa Harris, CPYRWMA director, the sensors will enhance the agency's Flood Warning System and provide valuable information to citizens, including farmers and foresters. Data about how quickly soils dry out during growing season dry spells helps farmers become more drought-resilient and better characterize drought impacts when seeking federal assistance. The data also aids the Forestry Commission when making decisions pertaining to prescribed burns.

ADPH

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"In reviewing the number of calls we have received at the Alabama Poison Information Center, we often have multiple exposures reported during one call because entire households are sharing oven-baked items," said Jessica (Rivera) Pescatore, Clinical Director at Alabama Poison Information Center at Children's of Alabama. "Most exposures result from spraying oven cleaners and forgetting to wipe off or inadequately removing them prior to using the oven for cooking."

Proper cleaning and maintenance of air fryers is also needed; however, oven cleaners should not be used to clean air fryers. Precautions include wearing thick, long protective gloves, safety glasses, and possibly a respirator to avoid chemicals entering your lungs.

Make sure to have adequate ventilation, and call poison control if ingested. The 24/7 toll-free number for the Alabama Poison Information Center at Children's of Alabama is 800-222-1222 for poison advice for all ages.

ANNIE MAX BALLARD
Mrs. Annie Max Ballard, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at her home in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Fowler officiating. Committal services followed in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Ballard was preceded in death by her husband - Herbert "Hub" Ballard, father - Sam Carroll Strickland, mother - Ida Bell Strickland, daughters - Helen and Glenda Sue Ballard, and 11 siblings. Survivors include her sons: Heath (Becky) Ballard, Opp, Ala., Wayne Ballard, Elba, Jacky (Annie Ruth) Ballard, Opp, Ala.; granddaughters: Jondra (Ken) Oswalt, Tallahassee, Ala.; granddaughters: Elizabeth (Matt) McCaskey, Cumming, Ga., Breanna (Zach) Kelley, Tallahassee, Ala., Landie Campbell, Wetumpka, Ala., Lauren Payton, Luverne, Ala.; grandsons: Justin (Lacey) Campbell, Highland Home, Ala., Arlan (Athena) Campbell, Ramer, Ryan Campbell, Killen, Texas; Nathan Oswalt, Auburn, Ala., Trey Oswalt, Salem, Ala.; along with great-grandchildren: Jaxon, Jace, Colton, Kade, Haylee, Anslee, Tenlee, Khami Rae, and was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her ninth great grandchild; two sisters-in-law: Foy and Myrtle.

BETTY HARRELSON CAMPBELL

Betty Harrelson Campbell, age 80, a resident of Grady, Ala., died unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at Baptist Hospital South in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, from Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., beginning at 11 a.m., with Rev. Jesse Kirkland and Rev. Kenny Horn officiating. Burial followed in the Beaverdam Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to do so to the Beaverdam Cemetery fund. Betty was a 1961 graduate of Brantley High School and upon graduation attended Massey Draugh

Business School. She continued to pursue her education at Troy State University-Montgomery, where she obtained an associate degree in computer science. She worked in Civil Service as a programmer/analyst and supervised young airmen in writing military applications for the United States Air Force. She was an active member of Bradleyton Baptist Church where she served as secretary and treasurer for many years.

Survivors include her sons: Gregory W. (Molly) Campbell, Ramer, Ala., Mike (Dedee) Campbell, Luverne, Ala.; daughter: Jondra (Ken) Oswalt, Tallahassee, Ala.; granddaughters: Elizabeth (Matt) McCaskey, Cumming, Ga., Breanna (Zach) Kelley, Tallahassee, Ala., Landie Campbell, Wetumpka, Ala., Lauren Payton, Luverne, Ala.; grandsons: Justin (Lacey) Campbell, Highland Home, Ala., Arlan (Athena) Campbell, Ramer, Ryan Campbell, Killen, Texas; Nathan Oswalt, Auburn, Ala., Trey Oswalt, Salem, Ala.; along with great-grandchildren: Jaxon, Jace, Colton, Kade, Haylee, Anslee, Tenlee, Khami Rae, and was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her ninth great grandchild; two sisters-in-law: Foy and Myrtle.

GARY MILLS

Mr. Gary Mills, age 62, of Daleville, Ala., died early Thursday morning, Dec. 21, 2023, at the Elba Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Memorial services will be announced for a later date by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Mills.

Survivors include his mother: Delores Mills, and sister: Lynn Mills, both of Hoover, Ala.; along with a

brother: Larry Mills, Elba, Ala.

LUCIEN GERALD POLK

Mr. Lucien Gerald Polk, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba beginning at 2 p.m. with Rev. Greg Adkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 28, from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include his son: Bryan (Beth) Polk, Elba; daughters: Kristy Dawson, Ozark, Ala., and Mary Lou (Daniel) Herrera, Hoover, Ala.; along with 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and he was anxiously awaiting the arrival of his 11th great-grandchild.

CAREL DEWAIN POLING JR.

Mr. Carel Dewain Poling Jr., age 58, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at his residence.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Poling family.

Mr. Poling was preceded in death by his parents - Carel Sr. and Shirley Brooks Poling; brothers - David Goff and Tony Poling; sister - Carol "Peachy" Romanish; and a grand-

daughter - Kennedy Astemborski.

Survivors include his wife: Deborah Poling, Elba; daughter: Kristy (Andrew) Astemborski, Elba; son: Carel (Sarah) Poling III, Elba; sister: Debra Mihal, Akron, Ohio; brothers: Clint Poling, Brian Poling, and Tracey Poling, all of Akron; along with grandchildren: Browdy, Cole, Piper, Lily, Mayvis & Ava.

LARRY JAMES SMITH

Mr. Larry James Smith, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial will follow in the Newbia Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec. 27, from 5-7 p.m. Survivors include his wife: Gertha Smith, Elba; daughter: Cynthia (Joseph) Sanders, Sutherland, Va.; son: Joseph (Lanette) Smith, Zion Chapel, Ala., granddaughters: Alexis (Tallon) Sanders, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., Imberlie Sanders, Troy, Ala., Valerie Sanders, Sutherland, Va.; and grandsons: Cody (Lexi) Sanders, Dinwiddie, Va., Caleb Sanders, and Colton Sanders, both of Sutherland, Va.

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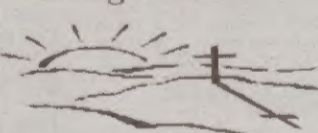


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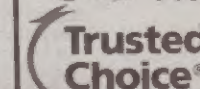
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by Michael J. Brooks, Pastor
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Roots

Alex Haley grew up in Henning, Tenn. where his grandfather taught him about his ancestry, including “the African”—an ancestor rumored to have come to America as a slave. Haley spent 10 years researching and discovered this mysterious ancestor. Kunte Kinte was abducted in 1767 at age 17 and brought to the American colonies.

Haley published “Roots” in 1976. His story became the very first television mini-series the next year, riveting the nation.

The gospel writer Matthew began his narrative with a look at Jesus’ roots, beginning with Abraham and concluding with Joseph and Mary. It’s unusual that he included five women in this ancestry. Mary we know, but perhaps the other women we know least.

Tamar’s story is in Genesis 38. She was widowed, fearful and vulnerable, and she disguised herself as a harlot to seduce her father-in-law Judah. She was about to be stoned as an unmarried woman with child but used something of an ancient paternity test to show that Judah was the father. Their eldest son, Perez, was included in the lineage of the messiah.

Rahab, likewise, had a shameful past. She was the harlot of Jericho who had a premonition that the Hebrews would prevail in the upcoming battle. She hid Joshua’s spies and made a pact with them that she and her family be saved. She married a Hebrew and was included in the lineage of the messiah.

Ruth, from Moab, was widowed and determined to return to her mother-in-law’s native village, Bethlehem. There she met and married Boaz, the son of Rahab. Ruth and Esther are honored as the only women in scripture to have books named for them.

And Matthew obliquely mentioned Bathsheba as “Uriah’s wife.” King David, the man after God’s own heart, “loafed, looked, lusted and lied” as Baptist preachers are wont to say. The child of this illicit union died, but the second child, Solomon, was included in the lineage of the messiah.

Matthew’s story has at least two lessons.

The first is that though Ruth was righteous, all four women were sinners, as are we all. God must use dirty vessels in his work since these are the only vessels available!

The second is that two of the women, Ruth and Rahab, weren’t native Hebrews, but were included in the Hebrew messianic lineage.

The apostle Paul argued that the death of Christ brought Gentiles (non-Jews) into the Hebrew family, allowing both to share the promises made to Abraham. We are “Abraham’s seed” and “heirs” of the promise. In Christ, all are invited to God’s family (Galatians 3).

As Pastor Rick Warren said, “No matter what your background is, the ground is level at the foot of the cross.”

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Scripture: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be Praised. (Psalm 48:1-14)

Thinking of You!
Praying for You.

Gwen Jones Berry, Wendy Wood, Alice Musgrove, Nicole Duncan, Helen Thigpen, Christina Wood, Rosemary Edwards, Tarell Kelley

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Tom Hooks 12/23
Tamariah Samuel 12/24
Qura Lamortis Warren 12/24
Shane Warren 12/24
Sean Warren 12/24
Arianna E. Kelley 12/25
Shane Williams 12/25
Chris Harrison 12/26
Jordan Douglas 12/27
Cavosea Stinson 12/27
Karizmah Y. Magwood 12/27
Rob & Diana Stinson 12/27 W.A.

Out of the Ashes

Peter Gladwin was barely a year old when his family's house caught fire, leaving him scarred and disabled. Growing up in a rough neighborhood, he was frequently in trouble with the police. He lost the use of an arm in a knife fight. He eventually descended into a life of substance abuse. Then Peter found the Lord. Peter eventually became a probation officer, working in dangerous communities, drug rehabilitation centers, and prisons. He founded a ministry called Out of Ashes, which uses the transforming power of the gospel to rescue people from the consequences of their poor, sinful decisions. Isaiah predicted that the Messiah would come in the midst of a seemingly hopeless situation, but the Lord specializes in bringing hope out of hopelessness! When all

options seem exhausted, He has ways of making the impossible happen. Gladwin discovered that the Lord remains our first and final hope. Have you? — D.C.S.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/28/23

Multiple Choice

Q: The one who does not love, does not know whom? (God, Paul, Anyone)

A: God [1 John 4:8]

Q: Jesus told Nicodemus that for people to enter the Kingdom of God they had to be born of what? (Pick Two – water, oil, the spirit, air, sin)

A: water/the Spirit [John 3:5]

Thought to Remember

Satan doesn't mind your commitments as long as you don't keep them.

Questions for the Week of 1/4/24

True or False

Q: Nicodemus was a Sadducee.

Q: John claimed to have seen God the Father, personally.

Q: The sheep will not follow a stranger.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

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COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Peater, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETH EL AM CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

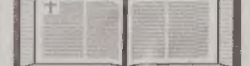
**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Peak of the Week & meal... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
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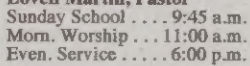
**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.



EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Philip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Denny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

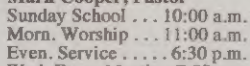
**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Issues, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREAT NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
CHURCH**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.



HOLY TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH

Glenn AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

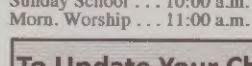
**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. K. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Olivia Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.



MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ed Russell, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
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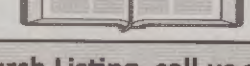
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BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
CHURCH**
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Allen Diess, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.



NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Loreast Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNIT-
ED METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEM-
BLY OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**PRATSE & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
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"Notice is hereby given that Bullard Excavating, Inc., 13264 Eva Drive., Andalusia, Alabama, 36420 has completed all work on the MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. STREET RESURFACING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS in Elba, Alabama." All persons having any claim for

labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the City Clerk of the City of Elba. 12/28, 1/4&1/11-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF REBECCA L. ARRINGTON, deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION CASE NO: PR-2023-208

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of December 2023 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ BECKIE LYNN PATRICK Personal Representative 12/21,28&1/4-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ADAM HEATH COOPER
Deceased

CASE NO. 2023-183

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Mary Ann Cooper, Administratrix on the 1st day of December, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Mary Ann Cooper 12/14, 21&28-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANAH P. OATES, a/k/a DIANAH PATRICIA OATES, DECEASED

CASE NO. PR-2023-218

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Dianah P. Oates a/k/a Dianah Patricia Oates, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of December 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Shane Oates
SHANE A. OATES
Personal Representative of said Estate
12/21,28&1/4-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Angeline Simmons t/k/a Angeline S. Daughtry, Deceased

CASE NO. PR-2023-223

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Angeline Simmons t/k/a Angeline S. Daughtry, deceased, having been granted to Brian D. Daughtry, Personal Representative, on the 18th day of December, 2023, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
12/21,28&1/4-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGALENE HALL a/k/a, MADALINE H HALL, DECEASED,

KATHERINE ELIZABETH TUTOR PETITIONER.

CASE NO.: PC 2023-057

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of December, 2023, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

CASE NO. PC-2023-087

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of December, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

barred.

/s/ Wanda Sue Bowles
Wanda Sue Bowles
12/21,28&1/4-pd.

Notice of Lis Pendens
THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No. 71-CV-2023-9000991.00
TYSON BEGLY

PARCEL #2 OF THE G.G. HARRELL AND NED HARRELL PROPERTY, THELMA J. BLUE, FERNANDEZ D. BLUE, and KEONTAVIOUS J. BLUE (and their heirs and devisees)

To whom it may concern: Take notice that Tyson Begly has filed a Petition to Quiet Title in Coffee County Circuit Court as Petitioner against the aforementioned respondents of said county, Alabama, in an equitable action pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 § 6-6-560, et seq., in the case of Begly v. Parcel #2 of the G.G. Harrell and Ned Harrell Property, et al., Case No. 71-CV-2023-900091.00, filed on August 29, 2023, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

Relief is sought against the following described real property located at 407 W. Adams Street, Enterprise, Alabama:

Parcel #2 of the G.G. Harrell and Ned Harrell property, in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, according to a plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 92, Probate Office, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama. Notice pursuant to Section 6-6-564 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

This notice is recorded pursuant to Section 35-4-131(b) of the Code of Alabama, 1975. Any persons claiming any in-interest in the above-described property must respond to the Petition within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this notice by filing your answer, either admitting or denying the allegations in said Petition, with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama and serving a copy of the same upon counsel for Tyson Begly at the address below. If you fail to respond to the Petition within said time, a default may be entered against you as determined by the Court for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff. This publication shall be made in the paper of general circulation and published in Coffee County, Alabama, for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand this the 12th day of December, 2023
By: /s/ Amy L. Reaves
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Coffee County, Alabama
12/21,28,1/4&11-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGALENE HALL a/k/a, MADALINE H HALL, DECEASED,

KATHERINE ELIZABETH TUTOR PETITIONER.

CASE NO.: PC 2023-057

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

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/s/ Katherine Elizabeth Tutor
Katherine Elizabeth Tutor, Administrator
Jeffery D. Hatcher

Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Box 189
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334-684-8524
12/21,28&1/4-pd.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Coffee County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids for the renovation of lockers rooms at New Brockton High School:

- All bidders must be a licensed Alabama General Contractor.
- All bidders' home offices must be located within 50 miles of CCSS.
- A mandatory site visit to all project areas is required to determine all necessary work to complete the project.

- All bidders must attend a pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in order to be eligible to submit a bid.
- Overall scope of work includes but is not limited to the following:

- ~ Install new drop ceilings
- ~ Repair and refinish existing walls
- ~ Remove existing light fixtures and utility components; replace with LED lighting

- ~ Install block walls in select areas of each locker room; refinish with existing wall colors
- ~ Remove all existing plumbing features and replace with new
- ~ Remove any and all inoperable electrical components and replace with new; must connect new electrical to HVAC system and laundry room/restroom equipment

- ~ Install 3 new mini-split HVAC units that provide a one-year labor warranty and 10-year parts and compressor warranty; remove existing units and replace with vent
- ~ Remove all existing doors and replace with new metal doors
- ~ Remove all ceramic tile and replace with new tile
- ~ Install 3/8-inch rubber flooring throughout each locker room

- ~ Replace existing glass in girls' locker room and replace with tinted glass

Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323 UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bid must be submitted on the school system's Bid Proposal Form. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids: E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor's name, address, phone number and general contractor's license number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Security Doors Bid" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM TUESDAY, January 16, 2024.

The lowest responsible bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful low bidder only following Board approval. If you would like more information regarding this bid and/or the pre-bid meeting, please contact Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002.

The Coffee County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids; to waive technicalities or informalities; and to award the bid to other than the high bidder if cause can be documented.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon got back from a weeklong trip to Orlando over the weekend and while I have my doubts he will remember anything from his first trip to the Magic Kingdom and Universal Studios, after looking at all the pictures his Mom made there is also no doubt he had a great time riding in his stroller, getting on a few rides and getting to see all the attractions. Know what else? I bet the whole family was glad to get back home!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers continued* to pick up one win a week and at times looks like they are on the verge of turning into a true area contender. The Tigers have great team speed, play aggressive on defense and at times can drain threes with no problem, while at other times seem to forget where the goals are and can't buy a basket. Elba has been really busy on the court since football ended and I know the players have to be a little tired. However, I still believe the best is yet to come and loo for the Tigers to make a run sometime soon.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers picked up two wins* last week and no doubt have one of the top teams in the southern part of the state. The Lady Tigers have good height, play aggressive on defense and have one of the state's top scorers in A'Lyric Whitfield. When things are clicking it can be fun to watch the girls in action, but there is still something missing, and while I know the season is still young, the girls need to find that piece of the puzzle and put it all back together.

*** *The high school basketball season* entered the holiday stretch last week and unless I miss my guess we as fans are in for quite a run as the teams head toward tournament time. On the boy's side, Zion Chapel just keeps on winning and gains more and more confidence every time they get on the court, while Brantley may be much better than any know and appear to be the team to beat in the 1A ranks in the area. New Brockton is much better than its record indicates and is just waiting to take off on a winning streak, and Kinston plays hard and always plays to win, no matter what the scoreboard may say. Over with the girls, Kinston has been a surprise team all season and is a team no one on its schedule can overlook, while New Brockton can beat anyone on any given night, Brantley has the type of team no one really wants to play, and Zion Chapel is still working hard and getting better week by week.

*** *The reclassification of high school* athletic teams across the state always create interesting stories and last week was no different when the AHSAA announced its upcoming changes to its seven classes and various regions. In Class 7A, Dothan and Enterprise will again face long road trips against their region foes with visits to Auburn, Opelika, Phenix City, Smiths Station, Montgomery JAG and Montgomery Carver/. However, the folks at Prattville certainly had no post-reclassification party after the Lions were moved to the north into the region with such powers as Thompson, Hoover and Hewitt-Trussville. In Class 6A, Rehobeth fans will need to buy a road map after the Rebels made the jump up in class and will also need to purchase a gas card with rebates since the closest region foe will now be Russell County, which is 92 miles from Rehobeth. Other region opponents include Montgomery Park Crossing, Montgomery Percy Julian, Montgomery Pike Road, Stanhope Elmore and Wetumpka. In Class 5A, there will be no rest for the weary as Eufaula, Carroll, Charles Henderson, Greenville and Headland were joined in the region by the past two 4A state champions in Andalusia and Montgomery Catholic. All the Bulldogs from Andalusia have accomplished in the past two seasons is one state title (2022) and a 24-3 record, while in the past three seasons the Knights from Catholic have lofted one state title (2023) and posted a remarkable 41-2 record. In Class 4A, the biggest story involving area teams was that five teams that a year ago were in the same class in 3A are now in the same region in 4A, with Opp, Ashford, New Brockton, Pike County and Straughn all making the move up. In Class 3A, three wiregrass teams will find new region foes from the capital city as Houston Academy, Northside Methodist, Wicksburg and Slocumb now find themselves in the region with Montgomery private schools Alabama Christian, Trinity and Montgomery Academy, as well as Prattville Christian. In Class 2A there were very few changes as far as length of travel or new opponents, but Zion Chapel did move into a new region that includes 2A powers Highland Home, Goshen and Luverne, as well as newcomer Pike Lib, and perennial bottom feeders Calhoun and Barbour County. In Class 1A, it was simply more of the same as Elba now finds itself in an eight-team region with the loss of Houston County, which moved up to 2A. The changes across the state will no doubt crate new rivalries for any teams, while locally it means Elba and its fellow region foes will play three non-region opponents instead of two, as in years past.

*** *In closing....* The New Year often brings with it a mixed bag of emotions and memories. While many may have celebrated their best year ever, many others may have seen it as a time of unknowing and anxiety. The New Year always brings with it hope for things to be better and for our wounds and aches to begin to heal. One thing is for certain, we are never alone, and through prayer we are connected to the one who created us and wants us to experience blessings in the future. In this season of transition from one year to the next, may God watch over you and bless you abundantly.

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Shop ELBA First!

The Elba Lady Tigers continued to pile up the wins last week as they claimed one win on the road and one at home to begin a new winning streak heading into the holidays.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Elba 29 Wicksburg 27

Elba's Ny'Asia McCollough hit a late three-pointer to tie the score and Lady Tiger teammate Kendra Juarez hit the game-winner with only 10-seconds left on the clock in an exciting 29-27 road win over the Wicksburg Lady Panthers.

McCollough scored eight points in the first quarter to help the Lady Tigers take a slim 10-9 lead, and Elba stayed in front in the second quarter to carry a 19-15 advantage in at the half. The Lady Panthers cut the lead to 24-22 heading into the final stanza and rallied late to open up a three-point lead. However, the Lady Tigers scored the game's final five points to pull off the wild win.

Ny'Asia McCollough scored 20 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ana Caldwell 4, Tajah Purvis

Tigers drop Opp 57-43

The Elba Tigers hit the hardwood twice last week in high school basketball action and posted one win and one loss as they continued to grow as a team heading into the holidays.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Wicksburg 56 Elba 51

The Elba Tigers saw a gallant second half rally fall short in a 56-51 road loss to the Wicksburg Panthers.

Elba couldn't get anything to drop in the first quarter and trailed 11-4 after one period of play, and while Cody Gray did hit a pair of three-pointers in the second quarter, Wicksburg never lost command and carried a 29-17 lead in at the half. The Tigers cut into the Panthers lead in the third quarter and pulled within 36-30, and even though Gray scored nine points in the final stanza and Alvin Henderson and Cameron Gray both connected from behind the arc, it was too little, too late as Wicksburg held on to hand Elba the 56-51 loss.

Cody Gray scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Cameron Gray scored

Elba JV pop Panthers

The Elba Tiger junior varsity played two games last week and split the two contests as they continued to show improvement every night out.

The Elba Tigers raced out to an early 23-3 lead and held on late to escape with a 36-28 road win over the Wicksburg Panthers. The Tigers owned a big 21-3 lead after one quarter of play and appeared headed for an easy win after pushing their lead to 23-3 early in the second quarter. However, Wicksburg refused to go away and rallied in the second half to throw a scare into the Tigers before Elba was able to close the door on the 36-28 win.

Javante Griggs poured in 24 points to lead Elba, while Easton McKelvy added 5, Sylar Mitchell 2, Johnathan Edwards 2, Cassidy Carpenter 2 and Ledell Ousley 1. Lewis davenport scored 8 points to lead Wicksburg.

2, Kendra Juarez 2 and Alayvia Stinson 1. Tylaya Lingo scored 9 points and Bella Sellers added 7 to lead Wicksburg.

Elba 52 Opp 31

The Elba Lady Tigers took command early and rolled to a big 52-31 home court win over the Opp Lady Bobcats.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored nine points and Ny'Asia McCollough added four points in the first quarter as Elba jumped out to a 16-5 advantage, while Tajah Robinson scored five points in the second quarter and drained a long three-pointer as the Lady Tigers carried a 26-13 lead in at the half. Whitfield poured in 13 points in the third quarter and hit a pair of three-pointers as the Lady Tigers upped their lead to 46-23, and the Elba reserves came in late to mop up the win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 25 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Robinson 9, Ny'Asia McCollough 8, Ana Caldwell 3, Kendra Juarez 3 and Alayvia Stinson 2. Samaria Womack scored 8 points to lead Opp.

12, Jamal Siler 10, Alvin Henderson 5, Brady Johnson 4 and Ty Sieving 2. Gabe Glover scored 20 points and Brodie Medlen added 16 for the Panthers.

Elba 57 Opp 43

The Elba Tigers jumped ahead early and never looked back in an impressive 57-43 home court win over the Opp Bobcats.

Alvin Henderson scored nine points in the opening quarter to help the Tigers race out to a 21-6 lead, while Ty Sieving hit a trio of three-pointers in the second quarter as the Tigers stretched their lead to 37-15 by the end of the half. Cody Gray scored five points in the third quarter as Elba maintained its big lead, and the Tiger reserves came in late to mop up the win.

Ty Sieving scored 15 points and Alvin Henderson added 13 to lead the Tigers, while also scoring were Cody Gray 8, Jamal Siler 8, Cameron Gray 6, Keaton Poole 2, Emmanuel Cooks 2 and Brady Johnson 1. Alan Jones scored 12 points to lead the Bobcats.

The Elba Tigers hosted the Opp Bobcats and dropped a hard fought 44-34 decision. Elba got off to a slow start and trailed 14-7 after one quarter of play, watched as the Bobcats took charge in the third quarter to stretch their lead to 39-24 and saw a late rally fall short in the ten-point loss.

Scoring for the Tigers were Ky'Avian Stoudemire 8, Johnathan Edwards 8, Javante Griggs 7, Levi Martin 6, Jordan Hammonds 3 and Skylar Mitchell 2. Talan Wicker scored 11 points to lead Opp.



Elba Lady Tiger Alayvia Stinson (15) shoots over a defender in a recent win. The Lady Tigers will compete this week in the third annual Pea River Holiday Classic, at the Elba High gym.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba High to host 3rd annual Pea River Holiday Cage Classic

Elba High School will host the 3rd annual 'Pea River Holiday Classic' basketball tournament with a total of 16 teams scheduled to compete over three days in a total of 24 games.

The tournament will include eight boys teams and eight girls teams, and will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28 through Saturday, Dec. 30.

The boys bracket will include Brantley (4-1), New Brockton (5-8), T.R. Miller (4-4), Zion Chapel (10-3), Luverne (4-4), Pleasant Home (10-3), Elba (4-5) and Pike Liberal Arts (4-6). Favorites in the eight-team boys division include T.R. Miller, a 4A power that received votes in the most recent sports writers poll; Zion Chapel, ranked 6th in Class 2A in the statewide poll; Pleasant Home, ranked 4th in Class 1A in the poll; and, Brantley, which received votes in the poll.

The girls bracket will include Straughn (7-2), Enterprise (13-1), Northridge (9-4), T.R. Miller (7-0), Luverne (3-5), Pike County (0-4), Elba (6-2) and Pike Liberal Arts (0-9). Favorites in the eight-team girls division include 6A power Northridge, of Tuscaloosa, coached by former Elba standout Jake Carnley; T.R. Miller, ranked 9th in Class 4A; Straughn, a 3A power that received votes in the statewide sports writers poll; and, Elba, ranked third in Class 1A.

Following is the complete tournament bracket:

BOYS DIVISION

Thursday, Dec. 28

10:30 – (Game 1) Brantley vs. New Brockton
1:30 – (Game 2) T.R. Miller vs. Zion Chapel
4:30 – (Game 3) Luverne vs. Pleasant Home
7:30 – (Game 4) Elba vs. Pike Liberal Arts

Friday, Dec. 29

10:30 – (Game 5) Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 2
1:30 – (Game 6) Loser game 3 vs. Loser game 4
4:30 – (Game 7) Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 2
7:30 – (Game 8) Winner game 3 vs. Winner game 4

Saturday, Dec. 30

10:30 – Loser game 5 vs. Loser game 6
1:30 – Winner game 5 vs. Winner game 6
4:30 – Loser game 7 vs. Loser game 8
7:30 – Winner game 7 vs. Winner game 8

GIRLS DIVISION

Thursday, Dec. 28

9:00 – (Game 1) Straughn vs. Enterprise
12:00 – (Game 2) Northridge vs. T.R. Miller
3:00 – (Game 3) Luverne vs. Pike County
6:00 – (Game 4) Elba vs. Pike Liberal Arts

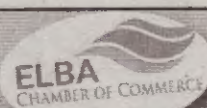
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12:00 – Winner game 5 vs. Winner game 6
3:00 – Loser game 7 vs. Loser game 8
6:00 – Winner game 7 vs. Winner game 8

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Upcoming Elba Clinics: Jan 3rd & Jan 17th



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SPORTS NEWS

Only a few changes for Elba in AHSAA reclassification

The Alabama High School Athletic Association Central Board of Control unanimously approved the current seven-classification system for championship play for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. The seven-class system, which began in 2014-15, was approved once again for all sports.

In accordance with the AHSAA constitution and by-laws, the AHSAA Central Board of Control manages championship play and classification. Member schools are reclassified every two years. The high schools are currently divided into seven classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A and 7A) for competition in championship programs.

Classification is based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) figures furnished by the State Department of Education for public schools for grades 9 through 11 plus eighth-grade hold-back students. Member private schools report that same data directly to the AHSAA. An index of 1.35 is used to determine the enrollment figure for classifying private school members. Each private school student counts 1.35 for classification purposes. A competitive balance success factor is also applied to private school sports teams which affects approximately 10% of private school teams.

The new classification lists 32 schools in Class 7A. The other classes break down as follows: Class 6A (57); Class 5A (62); Class 4A (66); Class 3A (65); Class 2A (62); and Class 1A (76); plus two associate members for a total of 420 total.

Alignments were also released for fall sports, which recently completed championship play for the current school year, based on the number of schools declaring to participate in a sport for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. Also included for the first time are alignments for Girls' Flag Football as a championship sport.

Alignments for winter and spring sports will be determined following completion of those championship seasons.

While most alignments are for seven classes, some sports programs may include two or more classes in a division. The alignments for each sport in a class are published in the online **AHSAA Sports Book** each year.

Reclassification, according to the AHSAA Constitution and By-Laws, is conducted every two years by the AHSAA Central Board of Control.

The 2024-25 and 25-26 football alignment places the

32 largest high schools in Class 7A and 57 in Class 6A, 56 in Class 5A, 62 in Class 4A, 60 in Class 3A, 60 in Class 2A, and 62 in Class 1A.

"More than 190,000 student-athletes are expected to participate in AHSAA sports activities during the upcoming classification period," AHSAA Executive Director **Alvin Briggs**.

"I want to thank the Central Board and AHSAA staff for their dedicated efforts," Briggs said. "As always, it was a difficult job, but everyone worked together to find the best solution as we move forward."

The reclassification alignment data for each sport and the private school competitive balance chart can be found at the following link located at www.ahsaa.com. Reclassification by enrollment data is located on the home page of www.ahsaa.com.

While the reclassification brings with it both excitement and anxiety for many coaches and fans, the only change in Class 1A, Region 2 was the movement of Houston County into Class 2A. Only three of the eight teams in the region posted a losing record last season, which will be led by defending region champion Elba (13-1), Georgiana (10-2), Brantley (8-5), Florala (7-4), McKenzie (5-5), Kinston (2-8), Red Level (2-8) and Pleasant Home (1-9).

The make-up of class 2A, Region 3 did see some changes, including the addition of Zion Chapel and Pike Lib. Only three teams in the seven-team region posted a losing record a year ago, which will be led by defending region champion Highland Home (10-2), Goshen (9-3), Luverne (7-4), Zion Chapel (5-5), Pike Lib (3-6), Calhoun (3-8) and Barbour County (1-9).

One of the biggest changes across the state as the result of last week's re-classification came in Class 4A, Region 2, where five former 3A teams made the move up to help form an eight-team region. Another interesting fact is that only one of the eight teams in the region posted a winning record, which will be led by Straughn (10-2), Pike County (4-5), Ashford (4-6), Opp (4-7), Daleville (3-7), Dale County (3-7), Geneva (3-7) and New Brockton (3-7).

Area teams that made changes in class included: Rehobeth, up from 5A to 6A; Andalusia, up from 4A to 5A; W.S. Neal, up from 3A to 4A; T.R. Miller, down from 4A to 3A; Slocumb, down from 4A to 3A; Wicksburg, up from 2A to 3A; and, Providence Christian, down from 3A to 2A.

High School Basketball

Hoop Highlights



Zion Chapel Rebel Chase Thorman (25) keeps an eye on an opposing ball handler.

(Photo by Amanda Clark)

BOYS:

Zion Chapel 47 Ariton 46

Zion Chapel's Mason Stuart put the Rebels on top with a driving lay-up with 16-seconds left on the clock and then blocked a shot at the buzzer to help lift the Rebels to an exciting 47-46 win over the Ariton Purple Cats. Stuart scored 14 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead the Rebels, while Jacob Chestnut added 12 points and Slade Grantham scored 9. Ian Senn scored 20 points to lead Ariton.

New Brockton 61 Kinston 39

The New Brockton Gamecocks returned to its winning ways with a big 61-39 victory over the Kinston Bulldogs. Josiah Peterson scored 13 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Yassiah Rousseau added 12 and Kenyon Kittan scored 8. Michael Thompson scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Graceville 54 New Brockton 51

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 54-51 loss to the Graceville (FL.) Tigers. Baylon Foster scored 14 points and Yassiah Rousseau added 11 to lead the Gamecocks.

GIRLS:

Ariton 51 Zion Chapel 8

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered in a 51-8 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Macilieg Bragg scored 18 points and had 7 steals to lead the Lady Cats, while Lizzy Woodfaulk and Nya Allen both added 8 points and 5 steals.

Kinston 51 New Brockton 29

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to an impressive 51-29 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Kaley Norris scored 3 points and connected on 19 of 20 free throws to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris both pulled down 10 rebounds. Gabby Eubanks scored 10 points to lead New Brockton.

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2024-2026 FOOTBALL REGIONS

CLASS 1A, REGION 2

Brantley, Elba, Florala, Georgiana, Kinston, McKenzie, Pleasant Home, Red Level

CLASS 2A, REGION 3

Barbour County, Calhoun, Goshen, Highland Home, Luverne, Pike Lib, Zion Chapel

CLASS 4A, REGION 2

Ashford, Dale County, Daleville, Geneva, New Brockton, Opp, Pike County, Straughn

CLASS 1A REGION 2

Team	'23 Record	ADA
Brantley	8-5	114
Elba	13-1	114.5
Florala	7-4	113.95
Georgiana	10-2	94.75
Kinston	2-8	115.95
McKenzie	5-5	109.7
Pleasant Home	1-9	119.3
Red Level	2-8	106.5

ADA - Average Daily Attendance

CLASS 2A REGION 3

Team	'23 Record	ADA
Barbour County	1-9	162.05
Calhoun	3-8	149.95
Goshen	9-3	189.6
Highland Home	10-2	199.35
Luverne	7-4	160.2
Pike Lib	3-6	140.67
Zion Chapel	5-5	186.15

ADA - Average Daily Attendance

CLASS 4A REGION 2

Team	'23 Record	ADA
Ashford	4-6	306.45
Dale County	3-7	316.95
Daleville	3-7	287.5
Geneva	3-7	298.15
New Brockton	3-7	347.35
Opp	4-7	297.45
Pike County	4-5	302.4
Straughn	10-2	321.05

ADA - Average Daily Attendance

2024-2026 VOLLEYBALL
AREA ALIGNMENT

CLASS 1A, AREA 2

Brantley, Elba, McKenzie, Red Level

CLASS 1A, AREA 3

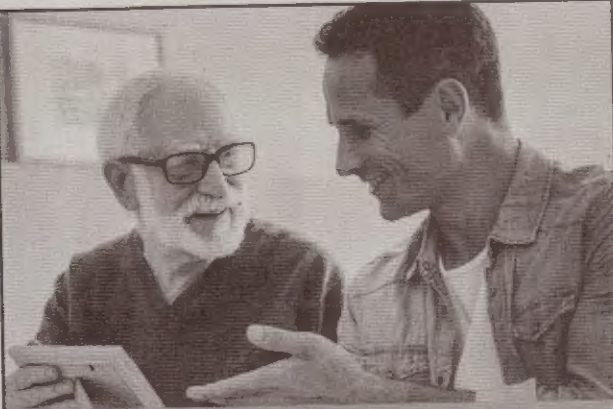
Emmanuel Christian, Florala, Kinston, Pleasant Home

CLASS 2A, AREA 3

Goshen, Luverne, Pike Lib, Zion Chapel

CLASS 4A, AREA 3

New Brockton, Opp, Pike County, Straughn



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COMMUNITY NEWS

CCAA bringing The Lettermen to Enterprise for January concert

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will host The Lettermen in concert Monday, Jan. 22, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. The Lettermen have been creating musical memories for over 50 years. Tickets are on sale now at www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com or at these (Enterprise located) ticket outlets: The Olive Fruit, The Brick Pub & Pizzeria, and Yancey Parkers.

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MEMBERS OF ELBA'S CLASS OF '61 GATHER...Members of the Elba High School class of 1961 met at Holly's Place, Daleville, AL on December 5, 2023. The 11 members and spouses meeting to enjoy the fellowship and delicious food are pictured left to right: Douglas & Glenda Williams Williams, Phyllis Adkison, Kathy and George King, Gary Hudson, Wayne Bryan, John Robert Smith, Ronnie Young, Ella Kate Allen Ham, Faye Crocker Goodson, and Margaret Hudson Rhoades.

Absentee voting applications for Alabama's March 5th Primary Elections available beginning Jan. 10, 2024

Please note that Thursday, Feb. 29, at 4:30 p.m., is the deadline to apply in person for absentee ballots for the March 5th Primary Election. Beginning Jan. 10, 2024, applications for absentee voting will be available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton, Absentee Election Manager is Debbie Kinsaul. Mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL, 36351. The physical location is 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama. Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons:

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.
- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours,

which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.

- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
- The voter is a caregiver for a family member who is confined to their own home.
- The voter is incarcerated in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.

Alabama voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may receive additional information by contacting the Board of Registrars' office or the office of the Alabama Secretary of State for expanded options. Completed ballots must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama no later than one day prior to the election, or if mailed through the United States Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election. Multiple ballots cannot be mailed in the same envelope.

Visit Coffee County's website for upcoming election information

Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites voters to visit the election website: www.coffeecountyvotes.com While there, one can:

- *Register to vote
- *Check your registration status
- *View a sample ballot
- *Find your polling location
- *View the offices up for elections
- *View a current list of elected officials
- *Apply to become a poll worker
- *Apply for an absentee ballot, and much more!

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance
All Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	***TOTALS***
REVENUES							
TAXES	8,789,970	815,100	0	0	0	0	9,615,160
LICENSES & PERMITS	85,538	0	0	0	0	0	85,538
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,342,643	9,132,938	0	0	0	0	11,475,581
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	2,008,617	230,040	0	0	9,264,424	36,280	11,539,357
MISCELLANEOUS	735,509	645,932	0	0	523,459	35,980	1,943,880
TOTAL REVENUES	13,975,477	10,827,100	0	0	9,787,883	72,216	34,682,676
EXPENDITURES							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,078,883	797,013	0	0	0	313,740	6,190,616
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,605,641	670,000	0	0	0	0	6,275,641
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS	0	7,738,294	0	0	0	0	7,738,294
SANITATION	0	0	0	0	9,233,828	0	9,233,828
HEALTH	20,590	0	0	0	0	0	20,590
PUBLIC WELFARE	868,689	0	0	0	0	0	868,689
CULTURE AND RECREATION	21,300	0	0	0	0	0	21,300
EDUCATION	71,855	0	0	0	0	0	71,855
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,078,341	2,032,184	0	0	1,285,045	0	4,395,570
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT	798,713	418,641	374,454	0	1,425,541	0	3,017,389
INTEREST	254,016	21,089	50,812	0	151,089	0	485,996
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,500
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	153,000	0	0	0	0	0	153,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,852,818	11,678,201	435,106	0	12,695,501	313,740	38,172,366
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	322,659	(848,101)	(435,106)	0	(2,307,618)	(241,524)	(3,509,690)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
LOAN PROCEEDS	0	0	0	0	1,067,588	0	1,067,588
BOND PROCEEDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	2,026	100,710	0	0	312,111	0	474,847
PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	2,119,943	1,102,000	435,106	0	200,000	0	3,857,049
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(3,337,049)	(520,000)	0	0	0	0	(3,857,049)
OTHER USES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,218,099)	742,710	435,106	0	1,279,588	0	1,542,405
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(892,421)	(105,391)	0	0	(727,952)	(241,524)	(1,967,288)
FUND BALANCE - 09/30/2022	884,150	4,248,597	0	0	682,216	786,979	6,581,982
FUND BALANCE- ENDING 09/30/2023	1,760	4,243,206	0	0	(45,736)	515,455	4,714,684

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

2012 Refunding	1,608,181
Loans Payable to Banks	8,767,212
Landfill Loans Payable to Banks	4,525,264
Roll-Off Loans Payable to Banks	33,166
Solid Waste Loans Payable to Banks	635,548
Total Indebtedness	15,569,371

Rod Morgan
County Administrator

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